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## 2016 - Pedestrian / Bicycle Fatals

1. **DEVIKA GUNASEKERE**

January 5, 2016 @ 0750 hours

Old Georgetown Road @ Battery Lane

1 Vehicle, 1 Pedestrian - 1 Fatality (Deceased - Age 67)



At 7:50 a.m. on Tuesday, January 5, Devika Gunasekere, age 67, was crossing Old Georgetown Road from west to east at Battery Lane. She was believed to be in the area of the marked crosswalk. A Montgomery County Ride-On bus was attempting to make a left turn from westbound Battery Lane onto southbound Old Georgetown Road and collided with Gunasekere. She succumbed to her injuries and died later that evening. The native of Sri Lanka was married, the mother of two adult children, and a Teacher's Assistant at the Guiding Star Child Development Center in Bethesda. Ms. Gunasekere started working at the center in May 2013 and enjoyed working with the center.

2. **BEZA MESFIN**

March 4, 2016 @ 7:55 a.m.

E. Randolph Road @ Tourmaline Court

2 Vehicles, 1 Pedestrian - 1 Fatality (Deceased - Age 26)



On Friday, March 4, at approximately 7:55 a.m., Beza Mesfin was struck by two eastbound vehicles, while crossing E. Randolph Road in a southbound direction, in the area of Tourmaline Court. She was crossing in the area of a marked crosswalk. Pedestrians are vulnerable when crossing major roadways with fast moving traffic, even when crossing in a marked crosswalk. For reasons still under investigation, both vehicles collided with Mesfin. Mesfin was transported to an area hospital and succumbed to her injuries on Sunday, March 6. She, a native Ethiopian, turned 26 years old in January and had recently started working at Adventist Risk Management in Silver Spring, MD.

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